

grass, and bleats, with his
eyes **on**
the road. I take him up in my
arms,
when I come, and share my
food with
him* He knows no other
mother but
me.

Jaising

Sire, could I make the goat
live
again, by giving up a portion
of my
life, gladly would I do it. But
how
can I restore that which
Mother
herself has taken ?

Aparna

Mother has taken ? It is
a lie.
Not mother, but demon.

Jaising

O, the blasphemy !

Aparna

Mother, art thou there to
rob a
poor girl of her love ? Then
where
is the throne, before which to
condemn
thee ? Tell me, King,